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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2001, the time for responding thereto being extended in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 4-8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

B₁ sub c₁ 7 - This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/664,827, filed September 19, 2000, and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/468,679, filed December 21, 1999, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entireties. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 24 as follows: